



State Board of Education
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
September 2, 2014
Room 541, Cross State Office Building

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Harris, Chair
Peter Geiger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities Services
Stephanie Clark, Maine DOE School Facilities
Ann Pinnette, Maine DOE School Facilities
Rhonda Sperrey, Superintendent of Schools, RSU 64
Jeff Larimer, Harriman Architects & Engineers

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of August 4, 2014 were approved as written.

The chair then opened the meeting; Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities, gave an overview of the Design and Funding Approval request for a new preK-5 school in Corinth, Maine. Mr. Brown explained no significant changes have been made to the budget or construction plan with the exception of the heating source for the new school. The original plan was to include a geothermal heating system, but upon further research wood pellets proved to be a better fit for the school: with a pellet manufacturing mill in town, and a cost savings of around \$400,000 the district decided both the community and the school district would benefit from using wood pellets. Jeff Larimer, of Harriman Architects and Engineers, noted that propane would be available as a backup source of heat. Mr. Larimer also presented the site and building plan for the new school to the committee. Rhonda Sperrey, Superintendent of Schools, RSU #64, commented about how having the districts' prek-5 students under one roof will improve the curriculum and a sense of community for all involved. During the presentation it was stated that RSU 64 has hired a commissioning agent, as well as Rodney Boynton as their Project Administrator. Mr. Brown completed the presentation by telling the committee that Commissioner Rier has recommended the Design and Funding request move forward to the State Board of Education for approval. Martha Harris moved to approve, Peter Geiger confirmed the motion.

Mr. Brown then brought up the topic of the revisions to Chapter 61 and 60. He and the School Facilities team have made proposed revisions to Chapter 61 which include, incorporating some of Chapter 60 rules into 61, deleting and updating old and repealed language. Copies of the proposed revised Chapter 61 were handed out, discussed, and approved by the committee.

There being no further business, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.